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The Second Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on 10/10/02 is unacceptable because it still does not include a grouping of claims. On page 3, in section VII "GROUPING OF CLAIMS", is typed "The following claim groups are independently patentable:". The claim groups are left out, and then the brief reads, "Separate arguments for the patentability of each claim group are provided below." The claim groups need to be included.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, appellants must submit new copies of the supplemental brief which include a grouping of claims within the following time periods- the longest of: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

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